

ON JAMIAT AHL UL-HADEETH UK

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QUESTION:

O honorable Shaykh we are aware that you know those who are in charge of *Jamiat Ahlul-Hadeeth* in Britain and that you visited them last year. So what do you say about the one who says: **“Jamiat Ahl ul-Hadeeth in Britain is not from Ahlus-Sunnah nor was it established upon the Sunnah, rather it is said that since the past 30 years it has done nothing in the way of da'wah or in spreading the Sunnah. And this is all based upon errors that some who work in the Jamiat have fallen into.”** So do you advise the youth to co-operate with this *Jamiat* and to continue advising it or to abandon it and warn against it?

ANSWER:

Jamiat Ahlul-Hadeeth; whether they are in Birmingham, London or in Britain as a whole or in the USA, their foundation is upon the *Salafee manhaj* (methodology); upon the Book and the *Sunnah*. This is their *manhaj* without doubt. As for what is said that they do not give any service to this *manhaj*, then it is appropriate that we say to them, **“that if you are not doing anything and you have ability and adequacy to do something then**

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what is requested from you is that your actions be in accordance with the Book and the Sunnah.” So I say to the brothers at the Jamiat to increase in your actions. As for what is held by way of weekly lessons or summer conferences, then this is not enough, the world has changed. So what is upon you is to enter into and use the means that are available, like the radio, where you can have specific programmes dedicated to you for the teaching of *‘aqeedah*, educating the people and purifying the actions. Likewise, it is appropriate for them to set up learning institutions and Islamic colleges or at the very least evening schools for those who attend the public schools, so they may acquire the correct *‘aqeedah* (Belief) upon the *Salafee* way. These are the types of things they need to be doing. As for their current *da'wah* activities that they do presently, then they do not do anything that is void of the Book of Allah or the *Sunnah*, so what is requested from them is to increase in their activities. So the statement that they are not *Ahlul-Hadeeth* or they are not *Salafee* is not correct. Claims in reality are either based upon truth or upon lies, which end up affecting the people greatly. And as it is known, Aa'ishah (*may Allah be pleased with her*) was free from all evil, that she was accused of, to the extent that she almost fell ill. So there is no doubt that she bore patiently the false accusations. So it is appropriate for those brothers who want advice for the *Jamiat*, that they do not call to cutting off from the *Jamiat* nor should they declare those who are in charge of this *Jamiat* as not being *Salafee*. This is an absolute lie.

I know the likes of brother Abdul-Haadee who is well known. **However, certain things have occurred that we desire not to occur. Like taking part in certain conferences or certain gatherings, where it is not appropriate for one to be in.** However, they may have an excuse and they are aware that they live in a country where the likes of the *Rawaafid* and many other different groups and sects are present. So they participate in

such events hoping to clarify the true *'aqeedah* and defend Islaam. So brothers like Abdul-Haadee,² Shuayb³ and Thanaa-Ullaah, all have correct *'aqeedah*. **And if any one of them was to fall into error, then it is appropriate that they are advised and not exposed. What is required is sincere advice not exposition. So the one who calls to abandoning them, then he is not correct in his position. So we hope that as long as there are differences in the issue and it is not absolute or clear cut, then we must know that whenever a person makes a mistake, then the people of Islaam are better than any one individual from the false religions.**

The like of this is what Shaykh-ul-Islaam Ibn Taymiyyah said: **“The People of hadeeth are the best (from amongst the Muslims) from all the groups and sects with in Islaam.”** This is what I have to say for whoever embarks upon *Salafyyah* and acts upon the Book and the *Sunnah*.

² From *Jamiat Ahul ul-Hadeeth* in Birmingham (Green Lane masjid)

³ Suhayb Hasan of *Masjid Tawheed* (Leyton), London.